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In response to the corrected appeal brief filed 3/27/2006, the corrected appeal brief has been considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Song whose telephone number is 571-272-1468. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:00.

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